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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45
Annual State Commission Rate Comparability Review and Certification
For Areas Served by Non-Rural Carriers

Dear Mmes. Dortch and Majcher:

In accordance with Title 47 C.F.R § 54.316, the Public Service Commission of Kentucky hereby certifies that the residential telephone rates charged for service as of July 1, 2010, are reasonably comparable to urban rates nationwide.

In its *Order on Remand, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Memorandum Opinion and Order* released in the above-referenced docket on October 27, 2003,¹ the Federal Communications Commission established an annually-adjusted nationwide rate benchmark as a "safe harbor." Based upon the "safe harbor," rates in rural, high-cost areas that are below the benchmark are presumed to be reasonably comparable to urban rates nationwide. The residential rates in rural areas served by BellSouth Telecommunication, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Kentucky, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, and Windstream Kentucky East, Inc. f/k/a Kentucky Alltel Inc., the non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers operating in Kentucky, are below the current nationwide urban benchmark of \$36.52, and as such, fall within the safe harbor afforded by 47 C.F.R. § 54.316(b).

If additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Stevens of my staff at (502) 564-3940.

Sincerely,


Jeff R. Derouen
Executive Director

¹ *Order on Remand, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Memorandum Opinion and Order*, CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 03-249, 18 FCC Rcd 22559, rel. October 27, 2003.